WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JAN, 18, 1856. DEMOCRATIC COUNTY MEETING.

In accordance with the usage of the Democratic party, a meeting of the Democratic citizens of New Hanover county, will be held at the Court-House in Wilmington, on Tuesday Evening of March County Court, (the 11th) for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Democratic State Convention, to meet at Raleigh on Wednesday, April 16th, and for the transaction of such other business as the Democratic citizens may deem necessary and proper.

Meeting at County Court.

In accordance with the long established usage of the Democratic party in this county, we publish the customary notice for a Democratic County Meeting, to be held on Tuesday of March County Court -

Whatever differences of opinion may exist among the Democrats of this county in regard to particular strength in the coming contests of this year. It is no Democracy was triumphant. idle form of words to say that this will be the most to be in a position to do her whole duty to the coun- that same aged, and, as they said, defunct animal. be ready to take efficient action.

generally.

to do as has been charged upon them, and to keep up the excitement and ill-feeling arising from the heated contest for Commissioners, they would have adopted a very difficult course. For instance, there were the names of 927 voters registered upon the election books, and there were 930 ballots counted out; -- of the 927 voters no person could have voted for more than seven names, yet the official return of the votes cast for all the candidates, when added up, shows some 19 more than 927 voters could have cast, had every person voted a full ticket with 7 names on it. This has been allowed to pass quietly, without any charge or fuss of any kind. Intending to act fairly in all things themselves, they have given others credit for the same intentions, and they have acted rightly, we think. Far be it from us to charge foul play upon any respectable citizen, when we feel that, by doing so, we might be doing a serious injusto do so, have made out of this.

Again, it has been vehemently demanded, on the to their appointments. Now, unless we are totally there is not a single individual among the appointees of the town for the present year, who is not among S. J. Person. its political supporters-not one who opposed it is retained in any position. We refer to the list of town officers published a short time since in the Herald. We not natural and proper that the Democrats should really don't care to harp upon this, and we only allude to it now to call attention to the fact that this is pared to meet and repel the insidious approach or the first public allusion to the matter. Does this evince a disposition to stir up and perpetuate excitement in connection with the recent contest?

Neither have we referred to the increase of salaries in these hard times, when taxes are so onercus and threaten to become more so. Parties or presses inclined to make capital, might very fairly and properly ask whether the state of things has become so be. The party is stronger, more concentrated and much easier within the past year, as to warrant the payment of new and the increase of old salaries .-We let all that pass and have never before even mentioned it, and now only refer to it, to show how to tally gratuitous is the charge of asperity or the dis- January. The "National American Club" celebrated position to keep up excitement or foment quarrels, the anniversary of New Orleans, and, on that occawhen preferred against the Democratic party.

What has it done? Simply met to perfect its organ- tenses. The eighth resolution of the series, however, ization upon those broad, general principles which endorsed the so-called "American system" of the old has guided its councils long before the Know Noth- and new Whig ideas. The "American system" ing Order was heard of, and which will continue to which had been condemned by the American people, York, Harper & Brothers. It is handsomely got up guide them long after that order has ceased to be although supported by the talent and advocacy of heard of. In the resolutions adopted as the basis of heard of. In the resolutions adopted as the basis of the Democratic association, there is not a word, a even Daniel Webster himself had pronounced absosyllable, a letter making any, reference whatever to lete. Under the taken name of "Americanism," all missioners' of navigation, evils, asperities and so forth, by those writing or talking against the Demo- Pemocrats do. There is something behind all these cratic party, is the mere coinage of their own brains.

MISTAKE .- There is a mistake of the types in the advertisement, on the first page, of land for sale by support. S. F. Walker. It should be G. T. Walker. Call on S. J. Walker, not T. J. Walker.

U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania. HARRISBURG, PA., Jan. 14.—Ex-Governor Bigler has been elected U. S. Senator from this State.

The Position of Parties

not a residence of "twenty years" to show that .-Year after year the contest between Democracy and received just as much attention, if not more. that undoubted supremacy against which open oppo- our sense of duty may dictate to us. sition was felt to be fruitless. It then became the Delegates will have to be appointed to the State Con- strength and the belief that any amount of division citizens of this community. vention at Raleigh, and we presume arrangements might be indulged in without danger of defeat. But If the Herald desires peace and quiet in regard to made to have this county represented in a District even this failed of the full measure of success de- the recent election—and we think it is eminently de-Convention for the appointment of two delegates to sired. The principles and measures of the Demo- sirable—it has the matter in its own hands, by ceasrepresent this district in the National Democratic cratic party, as opposed to those of the Whig party, ing its groundless attacks upon the Democratic party. Convention to assemble at Cincinnati on the 2nd day had been too fully endorsed by the country, too com- If it really desires similar relations with the Journal,

of June next. Formerly no such District Convention pletely vindicated by the results of experience to adwas needed, as each county appointed its own dele- mit of any hope of concentrating a sufficient force ing its political positions by argument, or plainly was needed, as each county appointed its own delegates; but, in accordance with the resolution adopted under the cld Whig banner to work the defeat of the acknowledging that it cannot do so, instead of doing struction, and other facilities for business are in conby the last National Convention at Baltimore, only Democrats, and to achieve the still dearer object of so indirectly by abandoning the field of argument for templation. two delegates from each district will be admitted as the old Federal leaders—their own elevation to office. that of vituperation, whole columns of which possesss members of the coming Convention, it will be neces. The people were Democrats, and Democracy, so true not the weight of the lightest feather, and only sary to take some such steps as may seem best for to the constitution, so consonant with the feelings, serve to prove the weakness of the cause advocated ascertaining the choice of the district as to who so conservative of the interests of Southern men, was as well as the total defeat of its advocate. A these two delegates shall be. Our own individual making deep inroads upon even the original pha- great writer has truly and forcibly remarked that these two delegates shall be. Our own individual that the discovery of gold in imthink otherwise. This is a matter to be thought fact that the University of the State, from which a have renounced the right of thinking meanly of citement produced by the discovery of gold in immajority of the young graduates used to issue Whigs, others." This might be profitably borne in mind. has for some time sent out, and still continues to send It embodies a great truth upon which the Herald out, into the busy walks of life, a full proportion of should reflect. modes or measures for organization, we presume Democrats The State of North Carolina, once rethat all are agreed in regard to the propriety and ne- garded as one of the strongest of Whig strongholds, For that or its consequences we are not responsible. cessity of adopting some good and efficient means of yielded to the Southern current, and drifted quietly We will take ours. It is now doing more to stir up concentrating and bringing out the full Democratic and easily to her old place in the Democratic line. - and arouse the Democrats, than we can do, and is

important year which the greater portion of our read- skin-to come disguised under some other semblance sent time. Its advice, etc., it may consider quoted ers has ever known. No reader of the news-no better calculated to deceive the unwary. His wor- without our troubling ourselves or cumbering our observer of events can have failed to perceive this. shippers proclaimed him dead-swore he had become columns by doing so. In Congress and out of Congress a point has been a corrupt and vicious old coon. They covered him reached which has no parallel in the history of the up under the cloak of night and the garb of secresy. Front and Princess streets. country. In the great battle for the constitution In the Know Nothing Council, under the pretence which the Democratic party will have to fight, every that party had nothing to do with it, they con-Democrat must feel that New Hanover county ought | trived to introduce many unsuspecting Democrats to try, weakened by no divisions of any kind among Most of these promptly recognized him. They saw her Democratic citizens. The same thing will apply that the whole movement was but another insidious to the whole district-to the whole State. We ask attack upon the Democratic party, and they came it of our Democratic brethren throughout the county out. Outside of some few towns, the thing has meltto think over this matter seriously-talk over it, and ed away. It was a Northern importation which would not keep in a Southern latitude. Like a joint The Democrats here in Wilmington, have met to- worm, although totally dissevered-split to piecesgether and organized a Democratic Association, so as it still retains a sort of life in particular places, by to obtain better concert of action and a freer inter- appealing to all manner of prejudices. The force change of councils and views among the members of of public opinion outside of the order, and, we must the party. What has been done will be found in the also believe, the honest and honorable feelings of columns of the Journal. We had no right, nor did many good men in it, forced upon the leaders a comwe presume to act for, or suggest to the Democrats of parative abandonment of much of their secresy. The other Districts. We trust however that some similar thing now stands measurably revealed, and the pub course will be adopted in every precinct in the coun- lie can see it. It can see its spirit here in the slang ty. We think it cannot fail to produce the best re- attacks made by its organ upon the Democratic parsults. It will bring Democrats together-it will sug- tv. In its imputation against its opponents in the gest more efficient means for the dissemination of late Commissioners' election of having bought votes, last, in the United States District Court, in Charles-Democratic truths, and it will also afford a means of although it knows that neither it nor its party can ton, on the charge of robbing the mail. The Charlesascertaining the wishes of each district more fully, bring forward any such charge against a single indiso that it may not be hereafter the case as has been vidual. It asks us to say how much money was exheretofore said, that one or two men assumed to pended by the anti-Know Nothing party for votes. act for any number of Democrats residing in a A direct and plain answer to this is that any charge of the evidence, on the part of the prosecution, has than yesterday, and is supposed to exceed six hun-District. We commend this matter to the earnest at- or insinuation of any knowledge of, or any connectention of our Democratic brethren in the country, tion whatever with, any such thing, on our part, is not only in New Hanover county, but in the counties wholly and unconditionally groundless and untrue. Every member of our party will give the same answer and treat the miserable imputation with the 03- Had the Democrats of town really been disposed same contempt. Are such imputations the fair weapons of political warfare? Are they not attacks upon individual character? Do they not amount to insin-

language-black is no longer black nor white white. But the "official organ" lets the cat out of the bag. The "honorable ambition" of particular men was checked. The Democrats would not elevate particular men to office. "Inferior men, (by the way it is the slang to consider all Democrats as inferior men) were elected over their heads." Now look at it. At the election in August 1851, an able and an honorable gentleman, who now fills with credit and distinction a high judicial position, was one of the ture. What course was pursued then? Did this elected their whole ticket last year. particular influence represented by the "organ," go tice. Yet, what capital might not a party, inclined element of dissension and division to elect over his advices by the Atlantic. There is the same talk of part of the party in power, that their opponents the qualification of a legislator, an "inferior man." three years. Consols are a shade lower, which does should show any thing proscriptive or purely partizan Was this zeal for the public interest or was it undis- not indicate any real confidence in the peace prospects Kinney's, two or Capt. Williams', one of Captain desired an organization of the House than the Presiguisable animosity against the Democratic party, held out. misinformed, and we feel confident that we are not, Men had actually to withdraw from the Know Nothing Council in order to have the liberty to vote for

uations of criminality against the members of a par-

fited by its supineness and its disorganization. Is it rouse themselves-organize their forces, and be preopen attack. We think we know something of the Democratic feeling in New Hanover County, and he promptly met. And we feel assured that it will more determined than it has been for years, and it late high freshet, have been much less serious than will gain strength as time progresses.

the new order was given in New York on the 8th of sion passed twelve resolutions, of course denouncing Why then the grand outburst against the party? the administration throughout all the moods and Clay and Webster in their palmiest days. The town elections. All that has been said about Com. the obsolete measures of the "dead" Whig party is to ne fastened upon the country-measures which num. is the standing announcement. bers of Whigs at the South oppose just as strongly as mumeries and signs and catch-words. There is a 4th page, Arthur Turner is printed by mistake for depth of Federalism which thousands of good Arthur Pinner, as one of the Commissioners elect in Whigs cannot fathom, and tens of thousands cannot Smithville.

Nett weight of two hogs raised in Duplin Co., by John B. Hussey, Esq., and recently killed-One 264 months old, - . . 753

" 15 " Good for Duplin!

The history and present position of political mat- characteristic article with something that bears the ters in this county, and, indeed, in the district at appearance of a menace. The Herald would have large, may be briefly summed up. The county is done better to have saved its ammunition, as democratic, the district is democratic. It requires the blank paper upon which its article was printed would have been quite as valuable, and would have Whiggery went on here as it did throughout the are not to be irritated into doing anything that our country at large, and year after year the principles cooler judgment does not fully sustain us in nor and measures of the Democratic party advanced to swerve one hair's breadth from the course which

"Soft words butter no parsnips," so the o'd protactics of the opposition to sow the seeds of dissen- verb says, and the Herald should remember that hard sion in the ranks of the Democratic party-to pro- words prove no positions and constitute no argumote divisions, to become the especial friends of dis- ments, although it would appear to entertain a difappointed aspirants-to wax quite eloquent upon the ferent opinion. Imputations of illegal and corrupt the subject of cliques, and, while sneering at the practices are things of altogether too grave a charac-Democratic farmers of the country, to awaken their ter to be made heedlessly, or recklessly, or expected suspicions and excite their prejudices against their to be submitted to quietly by a party constituting brother Democrats of the town; and this course was one half of the citizens of the town, and we think crowned with a certain measure of success, owing to over one half. Charges of this character, that cannot the confidence of the Democratic party in its own be proved, ought not to be made, least of all against

The Wilmington Herald can take its own course performing better service for the cause it opposes, It became necessary for the coon to change his than any advocate of that cause could do at the pre-

We can at any time be found at our office, corner

Fall of a Depot and Railroad Collisions. The immense building known as the Depot of Richmond and Danville Railroad, at Richmond, Va., fell on the evening of the 12th inst., with a tremendous crash. It was filled to overflowing with produce and merchandize of every description. The loss to the company will be very heavy. Fortunately, no person was burt. One of the walls fell against the tobacco factory of Archibald Thomas, Esq , prostrat- vates T. J. Payne, Nathan Fray and Frank Crabtree ; ing a large part of that building also.

On the same day a collision occurred on the Danville Road, about fifty miles from Richmond. A negro fireman was killed. Mr. Charles James, one of the engineers, is said to be seriously injured. Several other persons were injured, but none seriously. On the same night a serious collision is said to have occurred on the Virginia Central Road, but no particulars given. Quite a chapter of accidents.

Mr. T. J. Eccles, Mail Agent on the Columbia and Charlotte Railroad, was acquitted on Saturday ton Courier says that there are other indictments pending, which are in course of trial this week, al-

We knew Mr. Eccles well in years past, while we were both citizens of the Western part of this State, and always found him to be a very honorable, clever have lost many brave and excellent men, who fell man, and such was the character he enjoyed in the nobly fighting for their country." community in which he published a paper-Lincolnton-and we rejoice in the result of the trial, so far, and trust and believe that the whole affair will result others. The Indians had not less than 50 killed in ty? If they do not, then there i, no meaning in surprised than when we heard that suspicion had critical situation, with only three days' provisions, the responsibility for the want of organization in the

> CHARLOTTE, N. C -We learn from one of the Columbia papers that Wm. F. Davidson was elected son was the Democratic anti-Know-Nothing candi- lows: date. We have no information in regard to the Commissioners. The Intendent is elected by popu-

The Foreign News.

for this gentleman. No, it combined with every There appears to be nothing noticeable in the foreign head a gentleman, admitted to be of unexceptionable negotiations through Austria, with which the world

We learn from Washington city that the Russian Charge, or, he is now, we believe, Minister, does not think there is any chance for peace in Europe .-The opponents of the Democratic party have pro- However, Russian diplomats are not celebrated for their openness upon such matters; although, indeed, the foundation that appeared to exist for the peace rumors seems lately to have melted away.

throughout the District and the State. That feeling column that the Directors in the above Company a large number of Indians, and at the first discharge gentlemen who took objection to some of the appoint- to these boundaries, he will rely upon the United is aroused-a feeling above office or the hunt after of- will meet here on Friday, the 18th inst. We trust fice-a feeling that the supremacy of its principles that they will be able to report good progress and fa-

It would appear that the injury to the works of the Cape Fear and Deep River Company, by the A strong evidence of the political proclivities of be serious, although, of course, the high state of the water arrests the progress of operations for the time.

75 The Hillsboro', N. C., Recorder says that they have had the longest spell of sleighing weather up The judges were all present. there that was ever known by "the oldest inhabi-

volumes of Macauley's History of England, New and will meet with ready sale. CONGRESS .- The old story. No Speaker yet. The

Union is virtually dissolved. There is no communi-SMITHVILLE COMMISSIONERS.—In our paper on

FATAL ACCIDENT .- A small son of C. J. Nelson, Esq, of Goldsboro', while handling a loaded pistol

hour or two.

The Wilmington Herald of Wednesday closes & Later from California and Oregon .-- The Indian War, &c.

The steamship Northern Light arrived at New York on the 12th inst., with California dates to the 20th of December. She brings \$67,705 in gold .-The United States ship-of-war Potomac, Com. Paulding, had arrived at San Juan, and exchanged salutes with the British brigs Arab and Espiegle.

Castillo Rapids, and threatened to take the steamer of the Transit Company and the property of the passengers. They fled, however, on the appearance of a body of U. S. Marines, dispatched by Com. Paul-

The transit route is perfectly healthy, no sickness having occurred among the passengers, although they were obliged to remain at San Juan del Norte two days and eight hours, owing to the detention of the Northern Light in New York by the United States officials. The officers sent out in her to examine her coal bunkers for " arms, ammunition and munitions of war" discovered none, and returned to New York, satisfied that there were none on board. In Nicaragua everything is improving under the

administration of Rivas. The governments of San Salvador and Honduras ave sent letters of recognition to the new government, and the Minister from Honduras is reported to

be on his way to Granada. Walker is receiving accessions to his forces continually, 200 men having joined him recently. Granada is rapidly assuming the appearance of an American town. A new pier is in process of con-

Col. Kinney is still at San Juan del Norte. A large number of his men have joined Walker recently. FROM CALIFORNIA. - There is no news of importance in California The mines are vielding more abundantly than ever, and several new ones have

been opened. Miners are leaving the river leads and directing their efforts to getting out the gold from mense quantities in Table Mountain is unabated. Since the arrival of the late steamer from Nicaragua, Col. Kewen, who returned from the seat of war. has been actively engaged as agent of the fillibusters, in providing reinforcements and supplies for General

He has been negotiating the purchase of the steamer The homicide calendar for the first eleven months of the year shows a list of 535 homicides, 7 executions by sheriff in accordance with statute, and 49 executions by the people in accordance with the

Walker, but with what success has not transpired.

Lynch law. INDIAN TROUBLES IN OREGON-GREAT FIGHT. A battle has been fought by the gallant volunteers of Oregon, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Kelley, near Whitman's Station. The Indians have is in a highly prosperous condition. been badly beaten. Captain Bennett and others fell in leading their gallant charge. Pee-Peu Moxmox, large number of his warriors.

Killed-Capt. Bennett, Co. F; Lieut. J. M. Barrow, Co. H : Private Simon L. Van Hagariman. Mortally Wounded, since dead-Private Kelso, Co.

A : Henry Crow, Co. H Mcrtally wounded, still alive-Casper Snook, Co. H: Joseph Sturdivant, Co. B; Jesse Fleming, Co. A. Dangerously Wounded-Co H. Capt. Layton, Pri-

J. B Gervals, Co. K. Severely Wounded-Capt. Wilson. Co A; Capt. Munson, Co. 1; Sergeant Major Isaac Miller, Co. H. Private G. W. Smith, Co. B. Slightly Wounded-Private F. Duval, Co. A; A

M. Adington, Co. H. Cel. Kelly, in a dispath dated Camp Walla Walla,

December 8, thus speaks of the battle: "Yesterday morning, as my command was on the line of march from the mouth of Touchet river to Whitman Valley, we were attacked by about four hundred Indians, with whom we kept up a running fight all day, and for a distance of about ten miles from the Walla Walla river. At dark on yesterday the battle was suspended by the Indians withdrawing. We drove them from every position which they took, both in the brushwood, along the river bank, and on the adjacent hills. This morning the battle was renewed and raged all day. At dark this evening the Indians again withdrew. The number of the though it is generally believed that the main body Indians who fought us has been considerably greater

"I regret to say that yesterday and to-day we

dred. To-morrow morning we expect a renewal of

He further says that Max Max, the Indian chief. was taken prisoner on the 5th, and during the battle

specie list foots up \$1,200,000 in gold.

it will be necessary to relieve them at once.

U. S. Court of Claims, Monday, January 7 .- The court met at 11 o'clock.

George Blaney, late a brevet major of the corps of engineers, was called by the court. This is a claim From Mr. Whitaker we have the Third and Fourth for interest on the balance due on the settlement of led to more credit for his fearless support of those rights which the constitution had guarantied to the the Bison (Botts) and his free soil heresies, and if due and not paid until after said settlement, and also South compensation for services in receiving, issuing, and accounting for subsistence stores for laborers on the public works at Oak island, North Carolina, and at Cape Fear river, in the years between 1826 and 1835. ted States (says the Boston Traveller) is truly as adopts a suggestion of one of its correspondents the The argument in favor of the claimant was made by tonishing. For instance, one-eighth part of the en- after some days' notice, a poll be opened in each cation with the North. No mail North of Richmond Mr. Rockwell, and that in behalf of government by tire property of this country is owned by the citizens the three wards, and that the American voters of the the Solicitor, when the case was submitted for the of New York and Boston. Boston alone, in its cor- city, whether they belong to the order or not, be in decision of the court; and

The court adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow .-

MARRIAGE OF AN INDIAN BELLE. The Cherokee In this city is found the richest community, per capita, belle, Miss Jeanie Hicks, was married on the 10th of any in the United States. The next city in point of December, at the residence of Chief John Ross, of wealth, according to its population, is Providence, source, that a man by the name of Marlow was in at Ta-le-quah, in the Cherokee Nation, to Mr. Step- R. I., which city is one the richest in the Union, hav- zen to death at Newberry Court House, on the night ler, brother-in-law to the Chief. Her pretty face and ing a valuation of fifty-six millions, with a population of the 3d inst. He leaves a wife and two children brilliant wit, it is stated, created many admirers in of fifty thousand. The bare increase per annum of who are now in England. He was employed in on Tuesday last, was shot by an accidental discharge. our northern cities and watering places during her the wealth of Boston is equal to the entire valuation machine shop in Newberry. His remains were de-The entire load entered his body and he died in an vacations from senool in New Jersey. Miss H. is a of many of the minor cities, such as Portland, Salem, cently interred on the day after his death. daughter of Judge Hicks.

ARRIVAL OF THE ATLANTIC. Seven days later from Europe. New York, Jan. 14 .- The steamer Atlantic, with dates from Liverpool to the 29th December, has ar

THE WAR .- There is nothing important from the

Peace Rumors .- Peace negotiations are said to be in statu quo. Count Esterhazy had reached St. Petersburg with the ultimatum of the Western Pow-A body of sixty men had fortified themselves near ers, but it had not been replied to. Austria has notified Prussia of the contents of the ultimatum, and the latter consents and urges its acceptance on the Czar. Saxony had sent an ambassador to the Czar with a recommendation similar to that of Prussia's.

The propositions of the ultimatum are kept secret, but it is believed Russia would accept of them but for England's demand for indemnity, which, backed by Austria, the Czar refuses to grant. A despatch from Vienna, in the London Times,

say that Count Buol had communicated to Prince Gortschakoff terms of peace, which are as follows: "The territory demanded by the Western Powers. to secure the free navigation of the Danube, is that part of Bessarabia, between Fortress Choyln on the North, the Salt Lake Lasyk on the South, and the Pruth river on the West.

"Three weeks from the day of the delivery of the terms, is allowed the Czar for consideration.' TURKEY .- Advices from Constantinople, to the 17th Dec., state that during the month 60 merchant-

men were wrecked off the Sulina mouth of the Danube, and 400 lives lost. DENMARK .- Denmark, it is reported, is about join-

ing the allies. SPAIN -It is reported that a French frigate has been lost off the coast of Spain, and all hands per-

CHINA .- By way of the overland mail from India we learn of the destruction of a large number of pirates off the China coast. Herat had been taken by the Persians.

From Havana. The steamer Isabel arrived at Charleston last Sunday, with dates from the above port to the 10th. touching at Key West on the evening of 'the same

head for markets. Frightful Railroad Aceldent. NEW YORK, Jan. 14 .- The down train from Alba ny, on the Hudson River Railroad, met with an acci-

dent last night of a frightful character. Whilst crossing the bridge at Devil Creek, the locomotive, two baggage cars and one passenger car went through the bridge into the river. One engineer and one fireman, and a small boy are missing, and no doubt upon your notice the political ideas of an individual have been drowned.

Fire Insurance Company.

the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company was claims itself to be in favor of maintaining, with equal held at their office on Tuesday last, in this City; and justice, the institutions of every State and section. it will be seen by the following that the Company allowing the citizens of each to regulate their domes.

of property during the past year; and the property all bigotry and fanaticism, religious or civil, will the great head chief, has been killed, together with a now insured by the Company amounts to over \$5, have my cordial sympathy, no matter under what 000,000 They have on hand premium notes, well new name it may be arrayed. secured, amounting to about \$750,000. Their losses Although I am well aware that I am entitled to -all of which were promptly paid, and some of them tinction of my own, I beg that you will accept the before maturity; and we observe by their report assurance of my high sense of the honor you have that they will have on hand a surplus of \$16,000. We believe that no insurance company in the your festive meeting may be fraught with all the en-United States has a more ample security for the joyment to be desired from such occasions, I subscribe amount of its liabilities than this Company has .- | myself, Much is due to the Executive Committee-Messrs. T. H. Selby. John Ruffin Williams, and D. W. D. Hutchings, together with the efficient Secretary, Jno.

> C. Partridge, upon whom devolves the management of the affairs of the Company during the recess of the Board, for their untiring industry and the prompt | zarene, thus speaks of President Jackson and faithful manner in which they discharge their rear : Directors - Messrs. J. B. G. Roulhac, H. D. hair, even now. We told him of the public distress Furner, J. R. Williams, T. H. Selby, C. W. D. -the manufactures ruined-the eagle shrouded in Hutchings, J. M. Towles, and J. G. Williams, Ra- crape, which were borne at the head of twenty thousleigh; Jas. E. Hoyt, Washington; Alex. Mitchell, and men into Independence Square. He heard us all. Newbern : Joshua G. Wright, Wilmington ; Jas. M. We begged him to leave the deposities where they Jones, Edenton; W. W. Griffin. Elizabeth City; were to uphold the great bank in Philadelphia. Still F. F. Fagan, Plymouth, W. N. H. Smith, Murfrees- he did not say a word. At last one of our members. borough; H. B. Williams, Charlotte; George A. more fiery than the rest, intimated that if the bank Smith, Milton; Osmond F Long, Hillsborough; was crushed, a rebellion might follow. Then the

Joseph White, Anson; Joshua Boner, Salem: and old man rose. I can see him vet. A. T. Summey, Asheville. President of the Company, J. B. G. Roulhac; Vice President, H. D. Tur- clenched hand was raised above his white hairs. ner: Executive Committee, T. H. Selby, John R. Williams, and C W. D. Hutchings; Secretary and tions-surround the White House with your legions the battle, which, in all probability, will last for some

Bryan .- Raleigh Standard.

Of Mr. Smith, of Tennessec, in the House of Representa-

MR. SMITH, of Tennessee, rose to a personal exattempted to escape, when he was killed with four planation. He said that there had been a shrewd, ingenious, and deliberate attempt made here to cast in his complete vindication. We were never more all. Col. Kelley's troops, however, were in a very upon the Democratic party and the administration but little ammunition, and their horses completely House. When the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. broken down. They were engaged in making a Walker | first made this charge, the Democratic party stockade fort, and were expecting supplies in two had said nothing, and had not attempted to throw the responsibility upon any one of the contending parties The Oregonian of the 8th, contains a letter from of this House. They were willing to sit and vote, Intendent of Charlotte on Monday last. Mr. David- Commissary McCarver, in Umpqua Valley, as fol- and did so, content to stand by their platform and their candidate; but after the struggle had progressed "Since you left this place this morning, informa- for some time, they found a party which professedly tion of a reliable character reached here that Mr. agreed with them in sentiment upon the great ques-Rice and family, with the exception of a small boy, tion which now agitates and divides the country, in- merce says: ler vote, and not chosen, as here, by the Commis- had been murdered this morning at daylight, about stead of making war upon the Black Republicans, as sioners from their own number. The contest was a fifteen miles from this place, and the house set on they call them, attempting most ingeniously to cast relation to our controversies with Great Britain, that nominees of the Democratic party, for the Legisla- pretty animated one, the Know-Nothings having fire, the smoke of which has been seen by several odium upon the Democratic party for a failure to orpersons now in town. The boy reports about one ganize the House. If there was a Democrat in the hundred Indians in the attacking party. Great con- House who did not earnestly desire an organization, sternation has been produced in this place and neight he did not know him. It had been publicly and ceived from Mr. Buchanan, with certain correspond prominently charged in a leading organ of the once | dence respecting the enlistment question, which put The Oregonian says: "We are also informed by respectable but now defunct Whig party of this city the two parties in a very menacing attitude toward Mr. McCarver that an express arrived at Rosburg, that the administration was responsible for the dis- each other. on the 30th ult., from Little Meadows, on Rogue organization of the House. Although he was not These additional despatches will probably not private standing, but equally admitted to be, all in the has been amused any time within the last two or river, bringing news that a fight had taken place a authorized to speak in the premises, be could say communicated to Congress till the House shall be of day or two before at that point. A Mr Lewis, of what he knew, and that was that there was no man ganized; they may not make so serious an impression Captain Kinney's company, was killed; one of Capt. in the House or in the country who more earnestly as has been made by the facts already transpired. Rice's companies were wounded; one other was dent of the United States. He could not understand, by the ratification of the Nicaraguan treaty, which wounded, but of whose company was not learned." | then, the attempt of the Know-Nothing party to hold recognizes the claims of the State to the Mosquit Capt. Keys, of the 3d artillery, writes from Fort the administration and the Democratic party respon- coast and country, and in effect, therefore, is a guar Steilacoom, Washington Territory, under date of the sible. When the present administration came into anty of the Nicaraguan title to the limits by her power it found the government lying loose all around, claimed. This is, of course, a practical defiance Information has just been received at this point every department of it either unorganized or disor- the British protectorate, and a challenge to her that, on Thursday night, while Lt. Slaughter was ca. ganized, and it had to re-arrange its machinery in enforce her pretensions. General Walker desires the camped about fifteen miles below Morrison's, and order to carry out its proper purposes; and if its same treaty; and that which has been negotiated by about two and a half miles above Capt. Hewitt's camp, worst enemies would make the most rigid investiga- Mr. Wheeler with the late government will meet all Lt. Slaughter, while sitting in a small house on Bran- tions of its actions they would have to acknowledge his views; and in fact it is the same treaty, in regard nan's prairie, near the folks of Green and White that the Democratic party is the only party that has ever to most of its terms, which General Walker was to WILMINGTON, CHARLOTTE AND RUTHERFORD RAIL- rivers, engaged in consultation with Capt. Hewitt, shown any capacity to administer the government - propose through his Envoy, Mr. French. When ROAD COMPANY. - It will be seen by notice in another Lt. Harrison and Dr. Taylor, they were fired upon by While upon the subject he wished to say to those General Walker shall proceed to enforce his claim Lieut. Slaughter was shot through the heart. Two ments to office of the administration, that it was un. States for aid, and it cannot be withheld others were killed outright, one mortally wounded, becoming in a Southern man to stickle upon an ap- Any attempt by Great Britain to repel an invasion (since dead,) and five others wounded. Lt. Slaugh- pointment to any office in this government. He and occupation of the Mosquito country by Walke is sought to be overthrown and that the attempt must | vorable prospects for this great and important work. | ter left forty men and his animals at Morrison's and | would stand here to day and say to the President | would produce a collision with the United States that he might reject every man for whose appoint- because we should then be compelled to maintain NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The steamer Empire City, long as he (the President) would sustain those constifrom Aspinwall, is below. She left Aspinwall on tutional rights which he believed dear to the people disputes may therefore be pushed to such an extrem there was reason to apprehend. The loss will not the 3d, having connected with the steamer Sonora. of his section of the country, and absolutely neces-She brings nothing new in the way of news. Her sary to the perpetuity of the Union. He thought recede from its position; for it is not to be supposed that it was not in keeping with the dignity or the that the quarrel would really result in a serious chivalry, so to speak, of Southern men to stickle war. about offices with a man who, in the midst of all the prejudices of his section of the country, stands by the peculiar institutions of the South as they had The case of Mary E. D. Blaney, administratrix of been guarantied by the Constitution; and if the Nothings rages with unabated fury. It has extended President of the United States had ever expressed an into the interior. The strongest language is emopposition to slavery, he was, on that account, enti- ployed on either side-such as "midnight conspira

WEALTH OF ATLANTIC CITIES .- The wealth concentrated at the great commercial points of the Uni- trick" to "procure another snap-judgment," and porate limits, owns one-twentieth of the entire Union —being an amount equal to the wealth of any three of the New England States, except Massachussetts. New Bedfort, Chicago, Louisville, &c.

Eighth of January-Letter from a Son of Henry Clay.

The anniversary of the battle of New Orleans was generally celebrated in our larger cities, and celebra. ted in a manner becoming that illustrious occasion. We thus far, owing to the interruptions to travel and intercommunication, caused by snow and ice, see but few accounts of these celebrations. One, however, that we have met with in the New York News, pos. sesses more than ordinary interest. It was not so much the style of the entertainment, and the magnificence of the dinner that attracted us, as the spirit evinced in the sentiments, speeches and letters of the occasion. This was the celebration held by the Na. tional Democratic Club of New York city, at the Metropolitan Hotel. Interesting letters from many distinguished gentlemen were read. One of these leiters is invested with more than a common interest. owing to the close connection of the author with the great Whig statesman of Kentucky-Henry Clay. We transfer this letter to our columns :

FROM JAMES B. CLAY-(SON OF HENRY CLAY) ASHLAND, Thursday, Jan. 3, 1856. GENTLEMEN :- I have received the note which, as committee of the Young Men's National Democrat. ic Club of the city and county of New York, you have done me the honor to address me, inviting me to attend a dinner to be given by them, in celebration of the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans. Were it possible for me to absent myself from home

at the time designated, it would afford me great plea. sure to unite with any portion of my countrymen for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of one of the most glorious events in the annals of our common country. I regret that my affairs preclude the possibility of my joining you. Such celebrations are every day becoming more rare, so that we may begin to fear that the country will, before long, have ceased to remember some of its greatest events, as well as the great names which have illustrated its history in war and peace.

Having had but little personal connection with the political world, I am not sufficiently acquainted with the principles and purposes of your society to be prepared to say that I could also unite with you fully apon those principles, or for the advancement of those purposes. I find myself standing amid the ruins of sand ties, of education, of association and of memo. ry. That party has no longer an organized existence -destroyed, I verily believe, by treason to its principles, in its own ranks. Thousands in the land deplore with me its destruction, and are now, as I am. anxiously looking for the right path to follow, and the true party to which to attach themselves,

I am not presumptuous enough to desire to intrude so humble as myself; but of this, gentlemen, you may be assured, that any party which, in good faith, puts forth its banner inscribed "The Union and the The tenth annual meeting of the stockholders of Constitution, at all risks and all hazards," which protic concerns according to their own views of their The Company have insured over \$2,000,000 worth own happiness and interest, and which is opposed to

done me, and with the expression of the hope that

With great respect, Your obedient servant, JAMES B. CLAY.

George Lippard, in his new work called the Na-"He was a man! Well I remember the day

waited upon him. He sat there in his arm chair-The following officers were elected for the ensuing can see the old warrior's face, with its snow white

come with bayonets in your hands instead of peti-Treasurer, John C. Partridge; Attorney, John H. - I am ready for you all! With the people at my back, whom your gold can neither buy nor awe, I will swing you up around the Capitol-each one of

you-on a gibbet as high as Haman's! "When I think, says the author, " of that one man standing there at Washington, battling with all the powers of bank and panic combined, betrayed by those in whom he trusted, assailed by all that the snake of malice could hiss, or the fiend of falsehood howl!-when I think of that one man placing his back against the rock and folding his arms for the blow, while he uttered his vows, 'I will not swerve one inch from the course I have taken, I must confess that the records of Rome-nay, the proudest days of Cromwell or Napoleon-cannot furnish an instance of a will like that of Andrew Jackson, when he placed life and soul and fame on the hazard of a die

tor the people's welfare." OUR DIFFICULTIES WITH GREAT BRITAIN .- The Washington correspondent of the Journal of Com-

If rumors prove true, things are taking a shape in looks a little more warlike than even the message or Senatorial oratory would represent. It is said the since the message was written, advices have been re-

Another step towards a move is about to be taken

The Battle of the Sections.

The war between the Botts and anti-Botts Know. noring Black Republican platform," &c.

The Whig is confirmed in the opinion that the cal of a meeting, in the present weather, is a "Both

FROZEN TO DEATH .- We learn from a private

Columbia, S. C., Times.